

Appl. N . 09/880,458
Amtdt. dated 6/18/2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-42 were previously presented in the present patent application. Claims 1, 19-20, and 28 have been canceled. Currently, claims 2-18, 21-27, and 29-42 are pending.

Claims 2-4, 9, 12, 14-18, 21-22, 24, 26-27, and 29-32 have been amended. No new matter has been added to the amended claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The previous office action allowed claims 33-42. The office action also indicated that claims 2-14, 16-18, 21-27, and 29-32 contained allowable subject matter.

Claims 2-4, 9, 12, 14-18, 21-22, 24, 26-27, and 29-32 have been amended into independent claims.

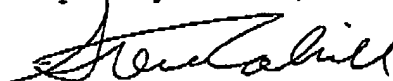
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently pending claims contain allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Cahill
Reg. No. 44,578

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 650-326-2400
Fax: 415-576-0300

60226391 v1